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CENTURY VOICE TO SUPPORT WAR BOND DRIVE IN YAZOO COUNTY

Fourth Annual Convention Of The Century Burial Association Fast Approaching Scholarship Contest Well Underway

PROMINENT BANKER CALLS

Mr. Herbert H. Holmes, president of the Delta National Bank of this city is chairman of the Seven Hundred Thousand Dollar Bond Rally for Yazoo County. Immediately upon assuming this responsibility, Mr. Holmes went to work organizing and setting up plans to reach the goal. Notwithstanding the fact that he is a very busy man, he is cheerfully sacrificing his time to make this rally successful. In a letter sent to some of the leading men of the colored race, President Holmes praised them for past cooperation and expressed his belief that they will do their part in this drive.

As we know the nation's second bond campaign was launched Monday, April 12, 1943. Thirteen billion dollars represent the nation's objective, seven hundred thousand dollars of which is the quota for Yazoo county. This means that we must buy bonds until it hurts, for no pain inflicted by sacrifices made on the home front can match those of our men fighting and bleeding on the battlefield. We do not have to wonder what will happen to hoarded dollars if we lose the war—all our efforts and life time savings will be in vain, so if we must hold tight to anything, let it be our war bonds.

The world has never been engaged in a war equal to this. In the last world war, the total cost was only thirty-one billion dollars; figures show that already this war has cost about two hundred and forty billion dollars. This difference in war expenses clearly shows us what we face. War machinery must be kept moving. The men must not give out of ammunition. The saddest story one could hear would be that of American soldiers perishing because of a shortage of war equipment. Many of us are too old to be of much service on the battlefield, many physically handicapped or otherwise unfit, but there is something left for everybody to do. Our dollars can do it if we cannot; they can serve in building ships, operating guns and braving the enemy. If we withhold one single thing that we can do, it is like extending an invitation to our enemy.

We believe that no race is more loyal and devoted to the principles of America than ours. We also believe that great sacrifices will be made to help Yazoo County to its goal, for a real sacrifice is that which one gives when personal necessity demands it and we know that the masses of our people are not above the necessities of life.

The Century Voice has pledged one hundred per cent cooperation in this bond rally. Whatever we can do through the columns of our paper, we shall do it willingly. Our time and what portion of influence we may have will be cheerfully given.

At our first meeting, Wednesday, April 14, 1943, the following persons subscribed and paid for \$42,650.00 worth of the nation's securities:

Dazell Johnson, \$20,000.00; T. J. Huddleston, \$13,300.00; G. W. Stutts, \$2,000.00; Dr. L. T. Miller, \$1,000.00; James S. Henderson, \$1,000.00; G. A. Friley, \$1,000.00; T. J. Huddleston, Jr., \$1,000.00; I. M. Middleton, \$500.00; Afro-American Sons and Daughters, \$1,000.00; D. W. Lindsey, \$500.00. Dr. R. W. Harrison, Jr., \$500.00; R. J. Pierce, \$500.00; L. H. Harris, \$150.00; Robert Irving, \$100.00; N. D. Taylor, \$50.00; Rev. T. E. Davis, \$25.00; Miles McGruce, \$25.00.

AFRO-AMERICAN HOSPITAL CELEBRATION WELL AT- TENDED

The 14th annual celebration of the Afro-American Hospital was held here Sunday, April 4, 1943, thus adding another page to Afro-American history.

In spite of gas rationing and tire shortage, the Afro Auditorium was filled to capacity for this annual event. Comparing the attendance with former years, one could not have realized that the world is in the midst of a terrible war; however, after all, this is the true test of loyalty and devotion and it is also the true test of genuine leadership. It takes a real leader to be able to lead people through thick and thin, over the rough as well as the smooth. It is no trouble to get followers when the going is easy, but when depressions come down and wars disturb the minds and rob transportation facilities, to behold that the followers are still with you is a privilege that only the man who delivers the goods can enjoy.

PURCHASED \$1,000 WAR BOND

Mr. G. A. Friley goes on record as being the first Negro to contribute to the nation's second War Bond campaign, chipping \$1,000.00 from the 13 billion dollar asking.

Our \$50.00 Scholarship Contest is still open to any boy or girl who wishes to enter. We are well pleased with the contestants thus far and this is only to urge each one to make every minute count. Every day lost is one which cannot be recalled. Let each day bring you closer to the Scholarship.

For the benefit of new subscribers and new readers, we repeat our offer. The Century Voice is offering a \$50.00 Scholarship, which is not limited to any particular school, to the boy or girl who sends in the highest number of subscriptions over one hundred (100). The contest will remain open until Aug. 15, 1943, at which time it will be closed. Any one desiring to enter the contest, should send in name and address on a penny postal card. Rules and further information will be sent upon receipt of the card.

There is still plenty of time to win. As in everything else, some have the ability to accomplish success in a short time, what it has taken some people twenty five years to accomplish, others have accomplished in five or less. Therefore, it is not necessary to stay out of the contest because you did not enter in the beginning; more than three months still remain.

PRINCIPAL SPEAKER

Careful consideration is given each year to selecting a speaker for Hospital Day. This year, following the usual wisdom in making up the program, Mr. T. J. Huddleston, founder and custodian, was chosen as principal speaker on Afro-American Hospital Celebration Day. It had been some years since Mr. Huddleston had delivered the principal address, but these years had only served to season more highly his already superior ability.

In times like these, when the world is standing on the precipice of destruction, who else could say more to weld the minds of the Afro-American Sons and Daughters than its own beloved founder and custodian. We believe we speak for the people when we say of all persons, he was the most capable. He did not speak from a given subject, probably because there was so much to be said, it could not follow any definite subject. He spoke in a general way, leaving nothing unsaid that should have been said. The audience was thrilled as usual, because seldom is there found a man who can talk and back up every word with a golden deed. Out of the life of this man has flowed innumerable jobs and benefits to our people, making in return, a life that is great from service to mankind.

SUCCESSFUL BUSINESS

The Royal Funeral System of Clarksdale, Miss., is enjoying a good business. A few years ago Mr. L. P. Gipson and Mr. S. L. Drew opened this establishment and like most new enterprises it started from the bottom. It has now worked up to be one of the leading funeral establishments carrying with it a good burial contract. With the fine management it now has, continued success is assured.

We are proud to say this progressive funeral system gave an annual subscription to The Century Voice.

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PROMINENT PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON



There is no profession more vital to mankind than that of medicine and in these days of war, a city is especially blessed to be able to have competent physicians and surgeons to call upon when in need of immediate medical attention.

Chairman McNutt, of the War Manpower Commission, has recently announced that approximately 600 physicians have been relocated in the past few months. These physicians have changed their places of residence and practice so as to better meet the needs of civilians.

We would find it hard to give up Dr. Miller and if it came to relocating him, many of the citizens here and not only here but people from all over the country would feel that the Fountain of Healing in Yazoo City had been uprooted.

Dr. Miller came to Yazoo City a number of years ago and from the very start performed such miracles of healing as to win the confidence of the people. For a long time he owned and directed the Miller Infirmary. He was a very young man at that time, but nevertheless, the infirmary was continuously filled to its accommodating space. This, of course, was contrary to the general rule and trend of people's thinking, usually people are afraid of young doctors, they feel it is a matter of practicing for future service rather than a knowledge of the case and its immediate solution. In later years when the Afro-American Sons and Daughters was founded, he became connected with it. This organization built the first Negro hospital in the state of Mississippi and chose the eminent Dr. Miller, who had become renowned, as its medical director. This, naturally, added more responsibility, but it also served as a medium to further make known his ability as a physician and surgeon, so that today, he is recognized as one of the outstanding physicians regardless of race.

The Afro-American Hospital is on the list of approved hospitals with an accredited A rating from the state, and it is justly proud of its medical director who is greatly responsible for this honor.

GLENWOOD FLORIST

Like music, there is something irresistible about flowers. They seem to weave some magic spell, soothing whatever mood one happens to be a victim of.

It was my privilege to stop in at the Glenwood Florist the other day and I was attracted by the splendor of the place. There, before my eyes, was an abundance of lovely flowers of various kinds, so alive and fresh they seemed to have been extending a welcome for their owner, who is an expert in designing. We highly recommend the Glenwood Florist for beautiful fresh flowers at all seasons of the year, for reasonable prices and courteous service.

In representing The Century Voice, we secured an annual ad and it is our desire that our readers will continue to patronize our ad subscribers.

The Century Burial Association is fast approaching its annual convention which will be held in Greenwood, Miss., Thursday, April 29, 1943. All agents are asked to be present on time with the last report for April. We want each agent to put on a special collection campaign in order to bring up a big report for April. Agents will remember that this is the one day when every agent should strive to lead. Annual reports of all agents are being prepared. These reports will include April 1942, through March, 1943. Your record is what you have made it. Programs of the meeting will be mailed to each agent before the convention. Don't miss hearing what you have done, what your district has done and what the association has done.

STOPS IN YAZOO CITY

Enroute to Piney Woods from some of the northern states, Mr. Lawrence C. Jones, president of the Piney Woods School, spent an hour or two in our city. President Jones stopped to chat a while and to perhaps check up on the work of an old Piney Woods graduate, Prof. R. P. McGee. Prof. McGee is trades teacher in our high school and we are sure his president was well pleased with his accomplishments. Through the courtesy of Mr. McGee, President Jones was shown through the office of The Century Voice and the Century Burial office. He expressed himself as being surprised and highly pleased over the progress of our people in Yazoo City, paying a special compliment to Mr. Huddleston who is the beginning of so many opportunities offered the Negro. It will be remembered that President Jones is one of the race's outstanding men, having founded the Piney Woods School which is nationally known.

LAMAR HOTEL TO BE COMPLETELY REMODELED

Sometime ago the Lamar Hotel was badly damaged by fire. Plans are being formed to completely remodel this building. The W. P. Stewart Lumber Co., was the successful bidder to furnish the material for the work.

SUGAR AVAILABLE

Sugar for home-canning of 1943 fruit crops will be available to housewives on approximately the same basis as last season. Price Administrator Prentiss M. Brown announced today.

No deduction of blue (processed foods) point stamps will be made from War Ration Book Two for sugar obtained for this purpose.

In the 1942 season, housewives applied to their local boards for allotments of sugar on the basis of one pound for each four quarts of fruit that it was planned to can, and, in addition, for one pound for each member of the family. Roughly the same pattern will be used to give home-canning sugar allotments this year, although there will be some refinements in procedure. Formal amendments giving the details of the program will be issued within the next few days.

"The allotment of sugar for home-canning reflects desire to see America's housewives preserve the fullest possible amount of the 1943 fruit crop," Mr. Brown stated. "We cannot afford to let fruit go bad for want of sugar to preserve it; even though sugar itself is rationed."

"The demands of war on our supplies of processed foods have made rationing necessary and, admittedly, the rations are 'tight.' By means of home-canning, housewives will be able to add to their family supplies of preserved fruits next fall and winter when fresh fruits become seasonally scarce."

"In the course of discussion of the methods to be used to make sugar available for home-canning this year, several plans were considered. One proposal involved the deduction of 'blue' point stamps from War Ration Book Two. After due consideration of this and other suggestions, I have decided to follow approximately the method used last season, as we definitely do not want to put any unnecessary handicap on home-canning. We want to stimulate as great a home pack as available sugar supplies permit to enable families to supplement their rations importantly."

"Details of the plan will be made public within a short while. Our objective is to make it possible for housewives to get their necessary supplies of sugar with the least trouble and red tape."